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Re: U.S. Non-Provisional Patent Application Serial No. 09/523,102
Filed: March 10, 2000
Inventors: Erwin SI *et al.*
For: Methods and Compositions for Treating and
Preventing Retinal Neovascularization
Atty. Docket: 03654.0255.US00

Sir:

The following documents are forwarded herewith for appropriate action by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office:

1. Information Disclosure Statement;
2. Form PTO-1449 (4 pages) with 49 attached references; and
3. Return postcard.

It is respectfully requested that the attached postcard be stamped with the date of filing of these documents, and that it be returned to our courier. In the event that extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned.

The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 08-3038 referencing docket number 03654.0255.US00. A duplicate copy of this letter is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

June E. Cohan (Reg. No. 43,741)

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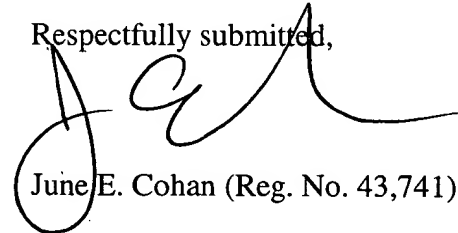
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This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed within three months of the U.S. filing date or before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits. No statement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e) or fee is required.

It is respectfully requested that the Examiner initial and return a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 and indicate in the official file wrapper of this patent application that the documents have been considered.

The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 08-3038.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "June E. Cohan", is written over the typed name. The signature is fluid and cursive.

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